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Alan Weinberg

Rabbin + Gibbs

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Mass silver + old [illegible]

old military fort tokens

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August 25, 1992

Dear Eric

Enclosed are the (2) Rankin & Bobbs Vac & Fox Traders that you wanted.

Please make check payable to "H. Peck" and send to me

I will be attending the ATCO annual convention in Omaha Sept 3 & 4 the "ANA" of American token collectors. If for some reason you do not want these enclosed Vac & Fox tokens, I'd like to have them back in time to take them to Omaha.

Few tokens like these are for sale. These days "trading" is the mode of exchange for good tokens ... and these are excellent trades

There is a somewhat rarer Vac & Fox Traders token. Lewis & Pickett Vac & Fox Traders. Also known in 25-50-100 denominations. However, these are not known to exist in better than VG-F condition and most often in G-VG. They were weekly struck and saw extensive circulation. I own the 50-100 The 25 is essentially unobtainable

I enclose a Xerox out of the long-out-of-print 1978 Oklahoma token book.

You can see the wear apparent on the plate tokens. $60 was the highest price of any token in the 1½" thick catalogue and was an arbitrary price even then.

I would have paid $300 for the "$60" Lewis & Pickett 25¢ even in 1978 ... 14 yrs ago

I also enclose a Xerox of a huge photograph blow-up I have of the Hague's "plugged" WM New Yorke in America token. I do not believe it is plugged at 12 o'clock but was intended to receive an identifying punchmark in that spot. I visited the Hague back in 1966-67 and examined/photographed the piece.

Errors I immediately detected in the Mass silver ANS exhibit article:

page 192 and 204-205: the plates do not correspond with the numbers
page 203: plate #30 missing on the shilling
page 199 and 214: plate 137 & 138 do not correspond with the numbers
and Tony Terranova tells me by phone that there's an error amongst the OT 6d - something about a Noe 16 being or not being a Joe Lasser coin!

There are probably other glaring errors in the article. It's a shame - more care should have been taken with the first "scholarly" article on Mass silver in decades.

There are a few of my collecting interests:

— Choice Massachusetts colonial silver coinage - full flan, unclipped, well-struck (which means I'll never own certain varieties).

— 1792 patterns - including '92 Wash. patterns like Betts & Hancock pcs - I recently acquired the 1797 Masonic Betts medal out of Ted Craig estate

— 1793 Chain, Wreath & Lib. Cap cents - choice - at the ANA I acquired an S-2 picked out of circulation in 1795 by the Winn family (of Lord St. Oswald fame).

— Certain selected American colonial rarities like Sea Clinton, Eagle on Globe, Cent S-2, etc

— American life saving medals - silver & gold - pre-1900

— American Agricultural/Mechanical Society medals pre-1900, silver & gold

— Early American historical medals like certain Franklin & Washington pcs - highly selective

— Territorial, Post Trader & Indian Trader tokens - generally pre-1900.
— "Saloon" and old military Fort tokens.
— Rare Alaska & Yukon Terr. tokens - particularly the gold nugget pieces.
— "Good for Trade" advertising pocket mirrors
— Cute, colorful, "great graphics" advertising pocket mirrors mainly depicting women, children or animals

Look for my multi-page interview with Eric Streiner in the next Penny Wise. And then later (next issue), my review of the Feb 1992 Christie's London sale where more Lord St. Oswald early American coins appeared after a hiatus of 28 years!

Call or write anytime.

Alan V. Weinberg

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Best regards,

Alan

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Alan V. Weinberg [redacted] August 31, 1992

Dear Alan:

Thanks for your newsy letter of many topics.

As to the forgeries of NE silver and the 1777 copper, I received the photos from Bill Noyes in color and I send photocopies. If you want original photos he charged me $12 plus postage and will I believe send them to you if you ask. Of course you may give the coins to us and take a tax deduction as we don't purchase forgeries. Perhaps you have a rule not to sell forgeries.

The errors in the Massachusetts silver listing are unfortunate and TOny has already discussed these with John Kleeburg. I believe an errata sheet will be forthcoming. It takes people like you and Tony to be given the opportunity to check these things before publication, but there are always poor reasons why time does not permit. I have had errors in plates I have published which were not corrected even after I had asked for corrections. Can you check the article for other errors before the errata sheet appears?

Have you any information to give me on the whereabouts or background of the Clapp cents substitution scheme matter ? I am trying to get these back for ANS as you may know. That seems to be one of your areas of interest . I look forward to your Streiner interview. He demonstrated his cooperation with ANS and fine character.

I have doubts about your NEW YORKE IN AMERICA theory, but understand your thinking.

As to the Rankin & Gibbs Indian Trader Tokens I am relying on your prices as realistic although they shock me. I paid about $5 for the 25¢ piece and gave it to Curto because he was so fine a researcher and collector and helped me in my collecting. I am glad he is still enjoying life. Check is enclosed to H. Peck as you directed.

I remember all too well the dental cast of your NE shilling that was exposed long ago and I could not get ANA to do anything about it. The Nebraska law suit was dismissed and many coins vanished and perhaps are in collections, unknowingly as good pieces. They were superb castings of many coins in copper, copper mixture and silver wherever edges were not important. now they can do edges well on forgeries.

I am glad the Indians have brought us back in contact. Keep up your good work and enthusiasm for scholarly numismatic matters.

My best,

Eric P. Newman

GEN WASHINGTON
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Feb Numismatist

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Sept 16, 1992

Dear Eric,

Enclosed are some Xerox copies that are very interesting. They bring to mind your Numismatist article on colonial forgeries.

I'm sure you have these 2 catalogues so you can match the plates. The New Netherlands piece is undoubtedly a very dangerous fake.

Best,

Dan